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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: February 19, 19

SUBJECT: CIU Meeting, 19 February in General Vandenberg's Office.

PARTICIPANTS: General Vandenberg

Mr. Lucy
Mr. Edgar
Mr. Huddie
Mr. Cullen
Mr. Evans

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Mr. Lucy and I met with Messrs. Edgar, Huddie, Cullen. The General indicated the need for agreement on the mutual functions of CIA and CIU in view, among other things, of budget. It pointed out that General Chamberlain had both faced the question "... do we know about Russian strength now and five years from now, etc., in case of war?" This involved questions of military strength, and in the course of developing his remarks he showed clearly that he did not think it affected us very much in the State Department and, therefore, was primarily a matter of CIA development. At this inconclusive point he asked if his colleagues had anything to say.

Edgar started off by saying there was one clear point of agreement which was that CIA should undertake the gathering and formulation for all consumers of basic intelligence. Mr. Eddy at once commented that we of course were concerned with the political, social, and economic sides of that enterprise and had responsibilities. In the course of discussion the following points were made:

The General spoke from time to time in terms of the department's contributing materials but CIA doing the compilation on these basic matters.

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We presented the concept that the Departments prepared their contributions on these and other matters of joint interest while CIA coordinated in the sense of insuring the complementary nature of the outlines in advance and being equipped with overall experts and evaluators who would fuse the contributions and work them into a whole.

Eugan raised the familiar point that these evaluators could not evaluate without covering all the intelligence involved in the matter. He countered by saying that really high quality people could undoubtedly act as would our own Review Section in evaluating and appreciating intelligence through acquaintance with top-flight materials, through understanding of style, presentation, and internal evidence. Such top-flight evaluators and re-writers are what we most particularly hoped to find in CIA so that they might from a national point of view stimulate our own work and planning and help to point out oversights and omissions in our general plans. To this there was no objection and some appreciation by the General.

The conversation turned to the defense project. The General made it clear that he was most anxious to secure control of the defense project. Eugan requested that we propose at the next opportunity that the project be transferred to CIA. It was, I think, agreed that Mr. Eddy would at least support the proposal, if not make it at the IAB.

In regard to timing the control of CIA over SIS, Mr. Eddy indicated that the contemplated date was 1 July. It was discussed whether, as the old SIS were completed, CIA should not take over responsibility piecemeal for continuing the SIS project under the new outline. I made it clear that the new SIS outline was prepared and contributed to by us as an outline for the particular purposes of G-2 and not as a national outline; furthermore, that no commitments for the implementation of the outline had been made except in the old defense project agreement.

At one point Captain Cullen mentioned the great desirability of close contacts between ORI and OIA. Mr. Eddy emphasized the importance of this and proposed that Mr. Huddie and I should develop contacts at all working levels between our staffs. To this the General explicitly assented, while at the same time injecting a phrase to show that he thought ICAPS should participate in such contacts.

The General at one point indicated that his great desire to establish CIA control over the SIS type of enterprise was to

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insure proper allocation of responsibilities among departments and notably allocation of political and economic responsibility of state. (I take this statement to be associated in the general's mind with the problem of reporting from the field; it does modify, I believe, the thought in his mind that all compilations of SIG material shall be performed in CIG.)

Mr. Ludy explained in general terms the area of responsibility of the Department by pointing out that this area of responsibility was unchanged since the time before CIG existed and comprised essentially the processing and interpretation of reporting by Foreign Service officers from the field. Centering about this fundamental responsibility the division or appropriate functions properly related to the State Department's concerns from those additional or nationally oriented concerns of CIG could be developed.

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